

currently in the process of a major expansion of the park to include a regulation soccer field, loop trail and a plaza with additional parking. Another service to residents is the drop-off recycling program that was begun in 1991 for the Mountain Top area.

The community has planned an extensive celebration of its 150th anniversary and America's independence that includes a concert, fireworks and a festival with food, entertainment, games and crafts.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Wright Township, and I am pleased to call their community and patriotic spirit to the attention of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the township's 150th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO NORMA STEWART
HAMILTON

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's great teachers, Mrs. Norma Stewart Hamilton of Dunn, North Carolina, in my congressional district, who is retiring from teaching on June 29th after 39 years of service to the children and communities of Harnett County. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for her hard work and service.

Norma Hamilton teaches home economics. She is known for her disciplined teaching style, but she possesses an ability to make her classroom an enjoyable place to learn. Recently, several of her former students joined together to celebrate her life's work at the 39th annual Western Harnett High School Mother-Daughter Banquet. They recalled her classes, the exams she gave, and most importantly, her willingness to listen and give sage advice. One of Mrs. Hamilton's former students, Mrs. Rebecca Collins Hunter, herself a home economics teacher, remembered that Mrs. Hamilton never allowed teaching subject matter to supersede her goal of teaching the individual.

It has been said that "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. And the great teacher inspires." As the former Superintendent of my state's schools, I know the difference that an outstanding teacher can make in the lives of young people. Great teachers, like Norma Hamilton, not only teach academic lessons, they teach life lessons. They strengthen the moral fiber of their students and of the communities where they teach. They challenge their students to strive for excellence.

In almost four decades, she touched and shaped the lives of over 4,000 children. She inspired more than a generation of students to achieve their dreams and make their own unique impression upon the world.

Mr. Speaker, when Norma Hamilton retires at the end of this week, she will take on a new role in the Harnett County community. Although he will no longer teach in a classroom, I know she will continue to contribute to the lives of those around her because great teachers never stop teaching. Today, I honor her for

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her dutiful service, and on behalf of a grateful state, I thank her for inspiring us with her great teaching.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISHED
PUBLIC SERVICE OF JOHN
PITTARD

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career that my friend John Pittard has had in the public service arena. John has served on the City Council in my hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for 19 years, as well as other civic boards and organizations within the city.

John's pride for his community is obvious. He has helped guide the city through a period of tremendous growth, not only in population but also in quality of life. He is one of the most honorable public servants I know, and I've known him most of my life. In fact, we went to high school and college together.

John's devotion to public service comes honestly. Both his mother, Mabel Pittard, and his father, the late Homer Pittard, were longtime educators and gave much of themselves to their community. A Murfreesboro school—the Homer Pittard Campus School—was even named after John's father.

Murfreesboro owes a huge debt of gratitude to John, who never became disillusioned or cynical during his two decades of public service. He served the city because of his love for the community, nothing else. John's wife, Janice, and his daughters, Emily, Mary and Sarah, are fortunate to have such a good man in their lives.

I have a deep admiration for John and congratulate him for his many accomplishments. His decency transcends both his public and private life. Thank you, John, for being such an unselfish and caring public servant.

HONORING SKIHI ENTERPRISES,
LTD.

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize a great Texas company, SkiHi Enterprises, Ltd., on its 20th anniversary. Over the past 20 years, SkiHi has built a reputation as one of Texas' leading mechanical/industrial contractors. I want to extend my congratulations to the company's founders, Richard Skipper and Tom Hicks, and to everyone else who has had a hand in SkiHi's success.

In 1981, Richard Skipper and Tom Hicks formed SkiHi. Mr. Skipper and Mr. Hicks had both worked in the industry for many years, which gave them the experience and knowledge they needed to create a successful business together. They started with a simple business plan, focusing on not over-extending SkiHi's limited resources and on steady, con-

trolled growth. Because of these wise business practices and high quality work, SkiHi has become one of the best respected mechanical/industrial contractors in the state of Texas.

Today, SkiHi is a full service mechanical/industrial contractor with over 220 employees. The company has a 38,000 square foot headquarters and fabrication shop in Fort Worth, Texas, and opened an office in Lubbock, Texas two years ago. SkiHi's volume was \$1 million in its first year, \$4 million in the second year, and was over \$33 million in 2000.

SkiHi has worked on many large construction projects in Texas. One of SkiHi's first projects was renovating the Tarrant County Courthouse in downtown Fort Worth. SkiHi has also done extensive work in North Texas on Burlington Northern Sante Fe's corporate headquarters, Nestle's Texas Distribution Center, the James West Special Care Center for Alzheimer's Disease, the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Alcon Laboratories, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Rental Car Facility. In recent years, the company has also completed many projects outside of the Fort Worth area. The most notable is the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

SkiHi also gives back to the industry and community. In conjunction with the Construction Education Foundation, SkiHi provides workforce training classes at North Lake College and Trimble Tech High School. The Construction Education Foundation is a coalition of North Texas contractors that trains approximately 600 apprentices each year. SkiHi sends employees to high school career days and job fairs to promote the construction business. The company also provides on-the-job training for young men and women interested in a career in construction.

Additionally, SkiHi is an active member of the Associated Builders and Contractors. The company has been awarded for its quality work by the Associated Builders and Contractors on numerous occasions. Most recently, SkiHi was awarded First Place on the local level for the 2000 Associated Builders and Contractors Excellence in Construction Awards for its work on the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Rental Car Facility.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate SkiHi Enterprises, Ltd., for 20 years of success. I know that the next 20 years will be even more productive.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIAS

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 20th anniversary of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) in Mascoutah, Illinois.

The NFED is the only organization in the United States providing comprehensive services to individuals affected by the ectodermal

dysplasia syndromes (EDS) and their families. EDS are a group of genetic disorders which are identified by the absence or deficient function of at least two derivatives of the ectoderm (teeth, hair, nails or glands). There are at least 150 forms of EDS that have been identified. EDS was first recognized by Charles Darwin in the late 1860's.

EDS affects many more people that had been originally thought by Darwin. Today, the number of those individuals affected by EDS has been estimated as high as 7 in 10,000 births. Individuals affected by EDS have abnormalities of the sweat glands, tooth buds, hair follicles and nail development. Some types of EDS are mild while others are more devastating. People with EDS have been identified as having frequent respiratory infections, hearing or vision defects, missing fingers or toes, problems with their immune system and a sensitivity to light. In rare cases, the lifespan of a person with EDS may be affected. Many individuals affected by EDS cannot perspire, requiring air conditioning in the home, at work or in school. Some individuals may have missing or malformed teeth or problems with their upper respiratory tract. EDS is caused during pregnancy, as the baby is developing. During the formation of skin tissues, defects in formation of the outer layers of the baby's skin may lead to ED.

At this time there is no cure for ED. The NFED, incorporated in 1981, is the sole organization in the world providing comprehensive services to families affected by EDS. The NFED is committed to improving lives by providing information on treatment and care and promoting research. There are more than 3000 individuals served by the NFED in 50 states and 53 countries. They have provided more than \$115,000 in financial assistance to families for their dental care, medical care, air conditioners, wigs, cooling vests and other needs. The NFED has provided patient access and granted more than \$237,000 to researchers studying the various aspects of EDS. These grants have stimulated more than 2 million dollars in ED research. They continue to host continuing educational programs on ED for health care professionals and provide the most comprehensive and current information on ED in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 20 years of service of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias and it's aid and comfort to those affected by this terrible disease.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SHOWS COURAGE UNDER PRESSURE

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the words courageous and heroic are sometimes used without thought or care. In the Sixth District of North Carolina, however, those adjectives and more should be applied to one of our young citizens who bravely came to his mother's rescue. For his efforts, eight-year-old Michael Mathis from Denton, North Carolina, was recently awarded

the North Carolina 911 hero award, and he was recognized by the National Emergency Number Association. Young Michael was caught in a terrible predicament, which required him to show great courage while under severe pressure. Michael didn't let his young age hold him back from stepping up to save the life of his mother.

On February 6, 2001, Michael was riding with his mother Cathy Surratt on a road near High Point. Michael's mother suffers from a thyroid condition and she has constant migraine headaches. During the course of the drive, Cathy began to see swirls in her eyes, pulled to the side of the road, then lost consciousness. Michael immediately got out his mother's cell phone in order to call his stepfather, but unfortunately the phone went dead, due to the fact that their minutes had expired. Knowing that a call to 911 was free, he then called the emergency number for help. Michael tried to tell the dispatcher where they were located, but with only trees and grass visible, he was only certain that they were on Highway 109.

Shortly after that, the car, which was a stick shift, began to roll forward. Michael's voice suddenly turned to panic, and he pleaded with the dispatcher to have someone find them. The dispatcher instructed him to take the key out of the ignition. Though he was overcome with fear, Michael managed to get the key out, and the car stopped. The dispatcher told Michael to honk the horn and flash the lights in the hope that a passing car would stop. Michael quickly complied with the dispatcher's orders. Finally, a car stopped, and to his good fortune, the passengers in the car were an emergency worker and a trained nurse. When Michael's stepfather arrived, the car was surrounded by people who were there to help. Cathy Surratt was taken to an area hospital where she was successfully treated and released.

The Davidson County Sheriff's Department named Michael a 911 hero, and he was awarded a plaque at a special ceremony. This week, the National Emergency Number Association recognized Michael at its 20th annual conference, along with other National 911 heroes. I am very pleased to be able to recognize Michael as one of our North Carolina 911 heroes. On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we offer our personal congratulations to Michael Mathis—a true hero.

HONORING THE SAYERS FAMILY OF CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the members of the Sayers Family from Clark County, Ohio and their combined commitment to shared American values. I rise today to recognize the fact that the four children of Charles and Virlie Sayers have each married and raised their own families for a combined total of 231 years. The Sayer Family provides an excellent example for our com-

munity in Ohio, as well as for the country as a whole, of the importance and benefits of a solid family heritage.

In today's society, it is very uplifting to hear stories such as these and to see the commitment this Ohio family has made to one another. It was through the Sayer Family's strong foundation that they understood the meaning of hard work as well as the value of family. Growing up, the children were encouraged to be good students, trained in music, and helped run their family farm. They understood the meaning of responsibility and the importance of strong family ties.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the Sayers' for preserving such a strong family bond and for their traditional values and morals.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. ZINI, D.O.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 28, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and outstanding Osteopathic physician. I am proud to recognize James E. Zini, D.O., in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and to our nation.

Dr. Zini epitomizes the Osteopathic profession. With his application of Osteopathic practices and principals, he personifies the model D.O. physician—practicing in a small rural town taking care of people, not just treating symptoms. He started his family practice in rural Mountain View, Arkansas, in 1977. In his Mountain View and Marshall clinics, along with partner David Burnette, D.O., office manager Judy Zini, and the Zini Clinic staff, Jim makes sure that each patient visit—approximately 13,000 annually—is remembered as excellent, quality D.O. care.

Dr. Zini is Board Certified in Family Practice by the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians and is a fellow of the college. Jim is also Board Certified by the American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

As a founder and leader of the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA), Dr. Zini tirelessly worked to advance the Arkansas Osteopathic profession: to promote the Osteopathic family in all areas affecting D.O.s; and to protect the licensure, practice and educational interests of all Arkansas D.O.s. Dr. Zini has served his state association with distinction: Founder, President, Vice President, Committee Chairperson, Member, and he received the first AOMA Physician of the Year Award in 1989. Jim is also the first D.O. to serve on the Arkansas State Medical Board—a position designated by law that he worked to enact.

Dr. Zini furthered his commitment to the Osteopathic profession at the national level: serving as an Arkansas delegate to the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) House of Delegates; numerous House committees; AOA Board of Trustees; several key AOA committees and chairmanships; and 2001–2002 AOA